

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim ~~12~~15 wherein the gel electrolyte comprises a non-aqueous liquid electrolyte containing a non-aqueous solvent and an electrolyte salt and the high-molecular weight material having a nitrile group in its side chain.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim ~~12~~15 wherein the high-molecular weight material having a nitrile group in its side chain is polyacrylonitrile.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim ~~12~~15 wherein the high-molecular weight material having a nitrile group in its side chain is polyacrylonitrile and wherein the molar ratio of the acrylonitrile monomer to the non-aqueous solvent is 5:95 to 30:70.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim ~~12~~15 wherein the non-aqueous solvent of the non-aqueous liquid electrolyte contains at least one selected from the group of  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, methyl ethyl carbonate and dimethyl carbonate in addition to propylene carbonate and ethylene carbonate.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim 2 wherein the electrolyte salt of the non-aqueous solvent is  $\text{LiPF}_6$  and wherein the concentration of this  $\text{LiPF}_6$  with respect to non-aqueous solvent is 0.4 to 2 mol/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim ~~12~~ 15 wherein the positive electrode contains a lithium-containing compound.

Claim 9 (original): The gel electrolyte secondary cell according to claim 8 wherein the lithium-containing compound is a complex compound of lithium and a transition metal.

Claims 10-12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell of claim ~~12~~ 15, wherein the graphitized carbonaceous material has a specific surface area that is 10 m<sup>2</sup>/g or less.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The gel electrolyte secondary cell of claim ~~12~~ 15, wherein the graphitized carbonaceous material has a specific surface area that ranges from 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 5.0 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Claim 15 (new): A gel electrolyte secondary cell comprising:  
a positive electrode;  
a negative electrode comprising a current collector and a powder mixture including a graphitized carbonaceous material obtained from a plurality of meso-carbon micro-beads and a binder, wherein the powder mixture is coated on the current collector at a thickness ranging from 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ; and  
a gel electrolyte comprising an electrolyte salt, a non-aqueous solvent and a high-molecular weight material having a number average molecular weight ranging from 5000 to 500000 wherein the non-aqueous solvent at least includes propylene carbonate in an amount ranging from 10 mol % to 35 mol% and ethylene carbonate.

Claim 16 (new):      The gel electrolyte secondary cell of claim 15, wherein the graphitized carbonaceous material has a specific surface area that ranges from 0.1 m<sup>2</sup>/g to 1.2 m<sup>2</sup>/g.